

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 14, 2014

The Honorable Tim Johnson  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Military Construction,  
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Senate Dirksen Building, 122  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark Kirk  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Military Construction,  
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Senate Hart Building, 125  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Kirk:

As the subcommittee begins its consideration of an appropriation bill for the agencies and accounts within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, I respectfully request support for the program listed below. Please consider this a supplement to my requests submitted on April 3, 2014.

**Title:** Long Range Discrimination Radar (LRDR) in the Pacific Region, Planning and Design (P&D)

**Agency:** Missile Defense Agency

**Support Fiscal Year 2015 President's Budget Request:** \$29 Million

**Rationale:** Full funding for P&D for the LRDR in the Pacific Region will improve the Ballistic Missile Defense System capability and homeland defense to meet the 2020 MDA Enhanced Homeland Defense Capability.

**Report Language:** The Committee fully funds the President's request of \$29 million for planning and design for the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) Long Range Discrimination Radar (LRDR) in the Pacific Region. While a site determination has not yet been made, MDA indicates that the LRDR will be located in Alaska, where assuring reliable, secure, and cost effective power generation is a key concern. The Committee is concerned that sufficient and reliable power generation be available to support both the LRDR and the candidate installations' current and expected future mission needs. Accordingly, when determining different energy supply options and upgrades needed to support the LRDR, MDA should coordinate with the services to assess current power generation capabilities at the candidate installations, and to determine the cost of any expansion or enhancements required to ensure that future power needs are taken into consideration.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request in addition to those submitted on April 3, 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff, Cory Turner, at (202) 224-7309 for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Begich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Begich" clearly distinguishable.

Mark Begich  
United States Senator